

CD40 binding agent that is a CD40 ligand and a co-stimulatory agent that is a co-stimulatory molecule. Within the class of co-stimulatory molecule, Applicants elect CD80 and CD86.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group I. Having made this election, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the nonelected claims.

Applicants have also elected species for prosecution. One species elected by Applicants is CD80 and CD86. These molecules are also referred to as B7-1 and B7-2. These related molecules should be treated as the same species of co-stimulatory molecule. Applicants acknowledge that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of the claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

Respectfully submitted,



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